

## North Figueroa Association Board Meeting

Tuesday Sept 14 2015 @ Future Studio Gallery

Called to order: 10 am

In attendance: (see sign-in sheet)

Board members in attendance: Alex Rudisky, Titina Folliero, James Bygrave, Amy Inouye, Stuart Rapeport, Joy Gibson, Gustavo Alza Jr., Tom Majich, Cyrus Etemad, Tom Wilson, John Harb, Richard Calderon (not in attendance: Gina Alza, Irene Holguin), other in attendance: Madhu Bansal, Mark Allen (LAPD), Gabrielle Taylor (City attorney), Rick Stoff, Sean Cohen, Jennnifer Vasquez, Melanie Freeland, Eugene Van Cise (City Clerk), Melinda Alatorre (CD1)

July meeting minutes: move to accept minutes by Joy Gibson, 2nded by Gustavo Alva Jr.  
Approved with one abstention.

### Reports

Security (Sean from GSS): current hotspots are hardware store, Big Mamas Donuts, see report for details. If problems, questions, please call Sean

Maintenance (Rick from Chrysalis): Trees are getting more attention; new barricades in use; please call Rick if problems, questions.

CD1 (Melinda Alatorre): CD1 is bringing 32 Big Belly trash receptacles to No Fig in the next 6 months; Sanitation Dept will maintain for 18 months. Discussion as to location choices, density of trash receptacles, and maintenance issues, and maintenance after the 18-month introductory period. Gustavo motioned to table this topic pending further information, 2nded by Stuart. Ad Hoc Big Belly committee formed: John, Stuart, Reuben—they will report back findings after speaking to Chinatown & Downtown BIDs which have Big Bellys now.

New planning intern Miguel introduced; new issues of The Voice/La Voz just published, new housing initiatives are coming, CD1 will be outreaching to businesses to help them via city's Business Source Center.

LAPD: Mark Allen, Lloyd Chang: 3 recent shootings in NELA gang-related—they need public help to work on gang issues and crime; property crime and vehicle crime (esp. late model Hondas & Toyota) still a problem—do not leave valuables in plain sight; Figueroa St foot patrol now in place from 10-8 or 11-9 daily; Gabrielle Taylor, a neighborhood prosecutor introduced—she is working w/ CD1, GSS, LAPD on homeless and repeat offender issues. New NELA commanding officer is Art Sandoval.

Fig Jam: Day long event planned for Sat. Feb. 13 2016—celebrating No Figueroa's "Great Streets" past, present, & future; signage and graphics will highlight business and community members with stories from the community; businesses will be able to use sidewalks outside their businesses for vending & promotion that day; Misty reported on crowd-funding and budget for the event (no NFA funds used)

NFA Elections: Vote will be a physical ballot to property owners to elect maximum 15 board members. New nominees need 10 signatures to be put on ballot or 10 write-in votes to be considered. Nominating committee (Amy, Titina, Tom M) to vet nominees, check qualifications. Two mailings will be done, according to bylaws—one to vote on nominations (1 ballot per owner), the second to vote on board (1 vote per \$1 assessment paid, divided by # of candidates = max votes per nominee). (We will look into a simpler process after this election.) Top 8 vote-getters will have a 2-year term, next 7 will have a 1-year term. Nomination results to be announced at annual meeting in Nov.

Meeting adjourned 11:13 am.